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September 8, 2006

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: The Louisiana and North West Railroad Company, Discontinuation of Service at Magnolia, Arkansas; Petition of Albemarle Corporation for Emergency Service Order and Petition of Albemarle Corporation for Immediate Relief under 49 U.S.C. § 721(b)(4); S.O. No. 1526; NOTICE OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE

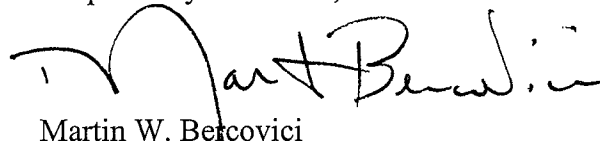
Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of Albemarle Corporation, we are hereby advising you that The Louisiana and North West Railroad Company ("LNW"), in response to our letter of September 7, 2006, has relented and has agreed to provide service on this date (September 8, 2008).

There is no commitment to maintaining scheduled service in the future, and the advice that service will be provided today followed by almost two hours a verbal confirmation early this morning that service would not be provided today.

LNW's agreement to provide service today does not change Albemarle's position with regard to the need for issuance of an Emergency Service Order. Securing transportation service only following involvement of the Board and the staff of the Board's Office of Compliance and Enforcement represents a failure of LNW to honor its common carrier obligation and constitutes a wholly inadequate level of service. This is no way to run a railroad, and no way to run a chemical plant.

Respectfully submitted,



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